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a housing having a hinged or otherwise movable covering; and,  
at least one conductive spike provided substantially within said housing;  
such that, in use, a portion of said cable or wire is positioned proximal to  
said at least one spike and said movable covering is closed to substantially sur-  
round said portion of said cable or wire, whereby said at least one spike is re-  
tained in electrical connection with said cable or wire.

21. A device as claimed in claim 20, wherein when said movable covering is  
closed said at least one spike pierces an insulative sheath around the cable, wire or  
the like and contacts the wire or cable.

22. A device as claimed in claim 20, wherein said housing has retaining means  
associated therewith to permanently or removably retain said housing in a closed  
position about the cable or wire.

23. A device as claimed in claim 22, wherein said retaining means includes  
locking pins and locking pin receptors.

24. A device as claimed in claim 23, wherein said housing further includes sup-  
port means to urge said cable or wire in a direction towards said at least one spike.

25. A device as claimed in claim 24, wherein said support means includes biased  
projecting members.

26. A device as claimed in claim 25, wherein said projecting members are inte-  
grally formed with said casing and are adapted to project in a substantially trans-  
verse direction to the axial direction of said cable.

27. A device as claimed in claim 26, wherein said projecting members have  
shaped ends adapted to at least partially surround said cable or wire.

28. A device as claimed in claim 25, wherein two or more sets of projecting members are provided for retention of cables of varying diameter in said housing, each set of projecting members including at least one member of different length.
29. A device as claimed in claim 20, wherein said movable covering is embodied in the form of a hinged wing.
30. A device as claimed in claim 20, wherein two or more housings are provided, each for connection of a respective wire or cable.
31. A device as claimed in claim 20, wherein said device further includes an electrical circuit to be connected to said cable.
32. A device as claimed in claim 20, wherein said housing is formed of insulative, such as plastics, material.
33. A device as claimed in claim 21, wherein said housing further includes support means to urge said cable or wire in a direction towards said at least one spike.
34. A device as claimed in claim 33, wherein said support means include biased projecting members.
35. A device as claimed in claim 34, wherein said projecting members are integrally formed with said casing and are adapted to project in a substantially transverse direction to the axial direction of said cable.
36. A device as claimed in claim 35, wherein said projecting members have shaped ends adapted to at least partially surround said cable or wire.

37. A device as claimed in claim 36, wherein said housing has retaining means associated therewith to permanently or removably retain said housing in a closed position about the cable or wire.

38. A device to facilitate electrical connection to a plurality of cables, wires or the like, said device including:

a housing having a plurality of hinged or otherwise movable coverings;

at least one conductive spike associated with each movable covering said spikes provided substantially within said housing; and

in use, a portion of a given cable or wire is positioned proximal to a given spike and each movable covering is closed to substantially surround the respective portion of cable or wire, whereby each spike is retained in electrical connection with the respective cable or wire.

39. A device as claimed in claim 38, further including an electrical circuit for connection to each of said plurality of cables.

40. A device to facilitate electrical connection to a pair of cables, wires or the like, said device including:

a housing having a pair of hinged wing members, each member adapted to be closed about a respective cable or wire in a permanent or removable manner; and,

at least one conductive spike associated with each member;

such that, in use, a portion of a given cable or wire is positioned proximal to a given at least one said spike associated with a respective housing, and each hinged wing member is closed to surround said respective portion of cable, whereby said given at least one spike is retained in electrical connection with said cable or wire.

41. A device as claimed in claim 40, wherein said housing further includes an electrical circuit for connection to each of said cables or wires.

42. A method of facilitating electrical connection to at least one cable, wire or the like, the method including the steps of:

- A. positioning a portion of the cable or wire proximal to at least one spike located in a housing;
- B. closing the housing by positioning a moveable cover to surround the portion of the cable or wire and thereby urge the spike into electrical connection with the cable or wire;
- C. retaining the housing in the closed position to maintain the spike in electrical contact with the cable or wire.